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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1946

"Draugas" Concert And Dance Feb. 10th Was An Overwhelming Success

1600 PEOPLE JAM ST. AGNES' AUDITORIUM TO
WITNESS COLORFUL CONCERT AT BIGGEST HIT
OF THE SEASON.

The "Draugas" annual Concert and Dance held at St. Agnes' Auditorium, Sunday, Feb. 10th turned out to be a overwhelming success. The occasion — considered the biggest hit of the season among Chicago's Lithuanian social gatherings — drew well over 1600 people from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to witness a colorful concert and dance to the tunes of a top grade orchestra.

OPERETTA

Perhaps the most enjoyable portion of the evening came from the masterly presentation of the colorful musical comedy "The Battered Bride" (Sveikam Ligos Neikalbēsi). The roles were very deftly played by Genevieve Giedraitis (as AGUTĖ), Anthony Kaminskas (as JONUKAS), Bruno Bruknis-Brooks (as JOKUBAS) and Kazys Vešota (as SIMAS). The operetta was directed by Genevieve Giedraitis and the accompaniment was furnished by the gifted pianist John Byanskas.

CONCERT

The second portion of the program was strictly musical, featuring the St. Casimir's Academy All Girl Orchestra (directed by Guy Callow), choral and dance numbers by the well-known Ukrainian Chorus (directed by George Ewankoe) talented violinist Mary Balanda, songs by Genevieve Giedraitis, Anthony and Edward Giedraitis. The piano accompaniment for the singers was furnished by John Byanskas and the talented young pia-

nist Genevieve Aleksunas.

The music for the dance was furnished by the popular maestro Bob Phillips and his Orchestra. Young and old had a real good time swinging and swaying to captivating tunes and vocals until the chimes of the midnight hour ushered all homeward.

The concert and dance was arranged as a part of the celebration commemorating the 30th anniversary of "Draugas" as a daily, and in the words of those who were present Sunday, it sure was a "whopper". The grand success of the whole affair is a fitting tribute to the co-ordination and smooth co-operation between artists, fellow workers, the management and the splendid, enthusiastic response of the general public.

WE THANK YOU!

McCoskey Copes With The Housing Problem

Detroit, Mich. — Barney McCoskey, brilliant Lithuanian major leaguer with the Detroit Tigers, just home from the navy, sure is doing his share to help relieve the housing shortage.

At present in his Dearborn Hills home, Barney is sheltering his Dad, his brother Al and the latter's wife. D. Wakefield another star of the Tigers' rostrum, moved in about a month ago, and now Red McQuillan, St. Louis' browns' shortstop has made himself comfortable there, too.

Barney and Dick will make for Lakeland, Fla. soon, perhaps with Al Newhouser driving them there. This coming June, still another member will join the McCoskey household. Barney will then marry his fiancée after her graduation from Michigan State.

O. A.

Remember Lithuania's Independence Feb. 16th!

CATHOLIC HONOR FOR G-MAN



Cardinal-Designate Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York presents the 1945 Club of Champions Medal of the Catholic Youth Organization of the New York Archdiocese to FBI Chief, J. Edgar Hoover, for his fight against juvenile delinquency. James A. Farley (right), former Postmaster General of the United States looks on.
INP. (NC Photos.)

It Goes to Show

History Really Can Be Romantic

Mary Francis Siedlik

"Oh, there you are Ann with a book again. What's the uninteresting book about this time?"

"I should really ignore you, Therese, when you come in here the first thing in the morning insulting me. Why, I don't become angry with you is beyond my understanding. I want you to know this is a very interesting book."

"Oh, you said that before and I found them most boring. One worse than the other! Reading those historic books isn't for me. Why, I like thrills, action, and romance. Tell me just what are you reading?"

"It's a book about 'Lithuania'. You know the country your mom and dad came from. I saw it at your home and asked your mother if I could borrow it. She gladly consented so here I am."

"Goodness, that stuff? It bores me just to hear them talking about it! A land of farmers, working hard for enough to eat and dreaming about coming to the United States. What I heard about the hardships endured, I prefer not even reading about it. Just give me something romantic."

"So you want romance! How you can talk like that, I just cannot understand. There's more to history of nations than romance, even though you'll find it. Can't you understand that? Wait, I just read a part which you'd probably like."

"Why did one farmer's daughter marry the other farmer's son, whom her dad didn't want her to marry? What's so interesting?"

"Now, listen to me, you HEP CAT! Let me read you this part."

"Oh, no Ann, not now! Let's plan for tonight instead."

"O.K., if you want me to.
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ATOM TEACHER



Dr. Lisa Meitner, woman scientist, who has been appointed to the faculty of the Catholic University of America. She is noted for her studies on atomic energy which pointed the way for the history-making atom bomb.

Edward J. Kubaitis

COMMENTARIES

ONE year ago, we wrote an article on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the Declaration of Lithuanian Independence that evoked considerable criticism from some quarters for its pessimistic tone. In it we had written, in effect, that "... we may as well stop eating our hearts out with false hopes; Lithuania will not be free and independent when this war ends in victory for the allied nations." We were told that such a blunt opinion on Lithuania's chances for regaining her freedom was a disservice to her cause. We were told that the best policy to follow was to loudly and uncompromisingly take it for granted that Lithuania's reconstitution as a free and independent republic was all but an accomplished fact, and that we should not admit any other possibility. Didn't we remember that President Roosevelt had stated that Lithuanian independence was not lost, but only temporarily set aside? Hadn't we read the 'Atlantic Charter? Had we so soon forgotten that the U. S. State Department had repeatedly stated its position that the Soviet occupation of Lithuania would not be recognized and that the Lithuanian Minister and Consuls would continue to be recognized? When we pointed out the ominous silence concerning Lithuania at the Yalta Conference, we were reassured, "Ah, but wait till the war ends! You will see how quickly the other Allied governments will crack down on Soviet Russia and force her to leave Lithuania!"

Our purpose, of course, was not pessimism for its own gloomy sake. Our purpose was to try to convince American Lithuanians that it was time for them to desist from the sweet day-dreaming in which they were indulging and realize once and for all that no gallant knight was going to ride forth from the White House or the State Department to free Lithuania from the clutches of the Red Dragon. The cause of Lithuania's freedom was in no one else's hands but our very own. If each of us individually did not work wholeheartedly for it, then neither President Roosevelt, the State Department, the ALT, the Misijs, nor any other agency or individual was going to do the work for us.

We would be the happiest individual in the world today if we had been proven wrong, and if our gloomy prophecy of a year ago were not a fact today. Unfortunately, though the war in Europe ended last May, and World War II ended last August, the land of our fathers today has become a

new Golgotha of suffering and agony that makes anything else she has suffered throughout the centuries pale into insignificance.

It did not take any mysterious sources of information or any special talent as an analyst of international affairs to foresee that victory for the forces of democracy and freedom would bring neither democracy nor freedom to Lithuania. Because of her consistent record for treachery in the past, any person with the average child's intelligence could see that Soviet Russia's fervent and touching verbal professions of love for truth, justice and right were motivated by her need for our military aid and nothing else. Her fighting in our common cause against Hitler was a mere military necessity and coincidence and had nothing to do with sincere abhorrence of oppression and totalitarianism. Only the most naive person would even consider that Soviet Russia's eleventh hour entry into our war against the Japanese had the slightest effect on the victory which had already been won by our American forces alone.

Though Soviet Russia had her back against the wall and defeat staring her in the face until we gave her guns, ammunition and supplies to enable her to turn the Nazis back — the experience did not teach her a single lesson, and she emerged from that brink of certain disaster more ruthless, arrogant, and treacherous than ever before.

The Red Fascists of Moscow, who so glibly mouth beautiful phrases about "liberation", "freedom", "democracy", etc. never once had the slightest intention of yielding any territory which they had grabbed from others. Stalin and Hitler divided Poland between them. The Brown Fascist is gone, but the Red Fascist still has not given up one foot of Polish territory. He has taken half of it outright, and has installed a puppet government to rule the other half for him. Stalin seized the Baltic States with the permission of Hitler. By doing so, he placed the infamous stamp of Nazi approval on an act of outright international gangsterism. By doing so, he violated every pledge and treaty he had made with these countries. Hitler is today an infamous memory, but Stalin has not yielded one foot of his loot in the Baltic States. And the reign of terror that has been inaugurated in these countries by the Red Fascist invaders is marked by an unending succession of crimes that know no parallel in world history.

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Talking It Over

There Are No Enemy Children...

WE did not fight a war with children. It was not at the towheads of toddling German infants that our soldiers fired their rifles. They did not throw grenades into the dark eyes of Italian bambinos. No Marine aimed his flame-thrower at the smiling face of a chubby Jap baby. Yet it is these children who were being killed by the war.

This winter Europe and the Orient starve. Every news report, every letter from abroad, every returning soldier, sailor, and marine tells the same story: "The children whom we fought to free, the children for whom our men died to build a better world are being killed by the aftermath of war."

Died in Service



Chaplain Edward J. Giorgio, U. S. A., formerly of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Brooklyn, who died at the base hospital, Fort Hamilton, N. Y., January 13 from a long illness he suffered in service. He is the 57th Catholic priest to die while serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. (NC Photos)

You read this article in your home. If you were in Europe, the walls of this very room would lie about your feet in a hopeless rubble of broken brick, plaster, and charred wood. Your child in a thin shirt would shiver ceaselessly in the damp and cold. His cheeks would hollow, the sparkle dim from his eye, his features shrivel, the skin stretched out over the bones of his head. His arms and legs would twist into grotesque, horrible shapes from malnutrition. As he gradually starved his little stomach would swell hugely like a big balloon. Feebly he would whimper, "Give me something to eat! I'm cold and hungry!"

This picture is not overdrawn. It is real. It is as real as the breakfast you ate this morning while these children had no breakfast. It is a fact, a fact which will face us in tomorrow's history books along with the account of what we did for these children whose lives depend upon our generosity.

On Christmas Eve an appeal was signed by fifty American Catholic and Protestant leaders. This appeal called upon all "in the name of Jesus Christ — on His birthday" to write to Congressmen and Senators urging the opening of all countries, including Axis countries, to American relief. This appeal asked everyone to sacrifice the equivalent of one meal a week for relief abroad.

Christmas day is gone. Starvation is not. What you can do, do at once, to feed these children. Remember, there are no enemy children.

IN AND AROUND

K of L CIRCLES

K. OF L. DISTRICT CHOIR NOTES:

They're really a loyal and inspiring group of singers that make up the roster of the present K. of L. CHICAGO DISTRICT CHOIR. Week after week they gather at the West Side Hall (2244 W. 23rd Place) and under the capable direction of their Choir Director, LEONARD J. ŠIMUTIS, Jr., they're progressing quite rapidly with a repertoire of new and seldomly heard Lithuanian music....

The Choir at present is preparing for the K. of L. ST. CASIMIR DAY RITES services at ST MICHAEL'S PARISH church (North Side) on MARCH 3rd. This will be their first public appearance since the choir was reorganized. They're also pointing toward a presentation of their CONCERT tentatively planned for the latter part of APRIL or EARLY MAY. Likewise an informal appearance is being planned for the choir group to appear on the program during the presentation of BRIGHTON PARK K. of L. COUNCIL 36 Lithuanian play "PONAS DAUGANORIS" on SUNDAY, FEB. 24th....

Members of the Choir group at present are as follows: SOPRANOS: — Adele Abromavičius, Emily Alekna, Stella Brozas, Joanna Butkewich, Stephanie Cibauskis, Helen Gudauskas, Valeria Jakaitis, Emily Kass, Eleanore Kandratis, Ann Mačiulis, Felicita Planchunas, Helen Shebelski, Mrs. Ernie Sutkus, Zita Walters, Petronella Zakaras. ALTOS: — Therese Cibulskis, Caroline Masiliunas, Mrs. Anna Misius, Mrs. Stella Pavis, Anna Radomskis, Philomena Rekašutė, Ruth Šimutis, Frances Urnezus, Adele A. Zenkus. TENORS: — Casimir J. Boguslovas, Peter Cibulskis, Martin Gestautas, Z. Jonavičius, Casimir P. Šerpėtis, Kastas Zaromskis. BASS: — Rapolas Baliauskas, Edward Kazlauskas, John Kupson, Ray Masiliunas and Ernie Sutkus (President of the Choir group).

LARGE CLASS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE FOURTH DEGREE

The K. of L. Chicago District RITUAL COMMITTEE reports that an unusually large class of candidates are being prepared for the K. of L. 4th DEGREE — ORDER OF ST. CASIMIR — which will be conferred during Communion breakfast (after traditional K. of L. St. Casimir Day rites) on SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd at St. Michael's parish auditorium. The K. of L. SENIORS are presenting SEVEN CANDIDATES, CICERO K. of L. Council 14 — 11 CANDIDATES, NORTH SIDE K. of L. Council 5 — 4 CANDIDATES; BRIGHTON PARK K. of L. Council 36 — 3 CANDIDATES; MARQUETTE PARK K. of L. Council 112 — 3 CANDIDATES, and ONE from the TOWN OF LAKE K. of L. Council 13....

K. OF L. BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MEET IN IMPORTANT SESSION

WEDNESDAY evening, FEBRUARY 20th, at the residence of Mr. JOHN A. KASS, 4216 Archer Ave., the joint committees of the Chicago District organization and the K. of L. Seniors will meet to discuss important plans and projects for the future home of K. of L. activities. All committee members are urged to be present.

What's Cookin'?

By John A. Skelly

"You should never wear your best trousers, when you go out to fight for freedom and truth."

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There's another advantage in being poor — a doctor will cure you sooner.

— * —

I knew a fellow that was so madly in love, he followed his girl around like a dot after an exclamation mark.

— * —

Told the wife, "what's the idea of kissing the iceman when we owe the butcher."

— * —

If eating carrots helps for good vision, I believe it — never saw a rabbit wearing glasses.

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How smart are you? If a bunch of fish is a SCHOOL,

a group of sheep a FLOCK, many elephants a HERD, what's a pack of Camel's? The answer....

Eighty cents

How Do We Fare? Here's the Record

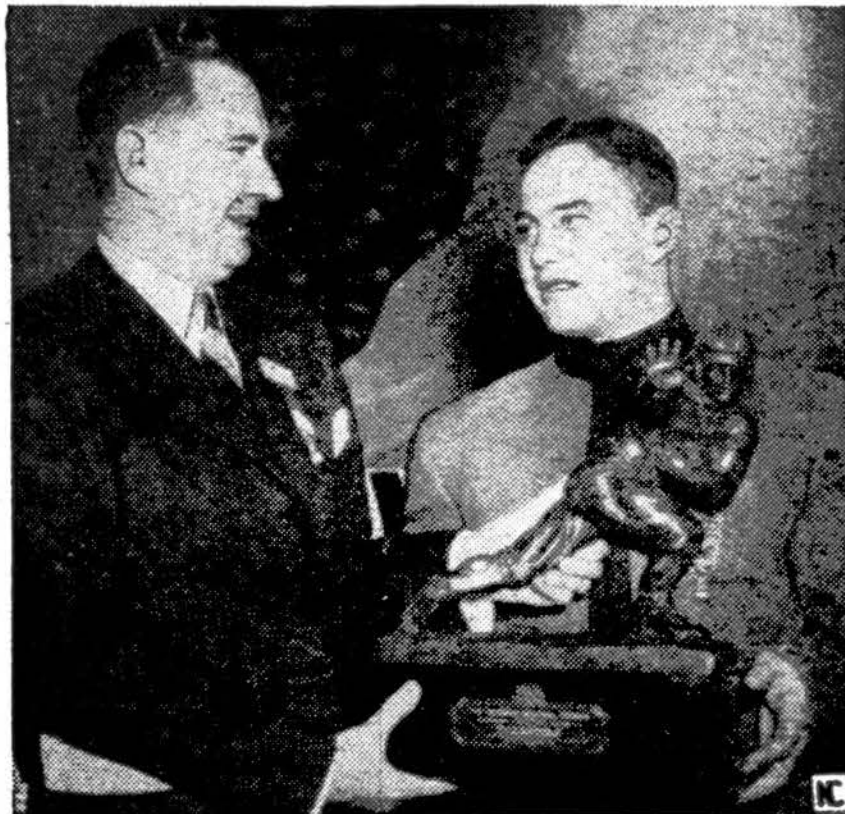
How does the average citizen fare under our American system, as compared with the totalitarian, Government — run — everything system?

Before the war, combined life insurance and bank savings in the U. S. per capita \$1,419; in Germany, \$219; in Japan, \$114; in Italy, \$99.

For every million population, Americans owned 226,068 automobiles; Germans owned 24,800; Italians, 11,328; Japanese, 2,582.

In Russia—only Government insurance; as to savings bank deposits, autos owned — "no figures".

OUTSTANDING GRID STAR OF 1945



Felix A. Blanchard, Jr., a Catholic and famed grid star of West Point, accepts from Wilfred Wotrich the Heisman Memorial Trophy Award, presented in recognition of his choice by sports writers and sports broadcasters of America as the outstanding college football player of 1945. The trophy is a beautiful statuette of a football player in action. (NC Photos)

A Book Review

You're Sure To Be Gay-Hearted After Reading This Book

Review by

Lucy Valatka

If you are feeling like a super-dehydrated prune these days; if you are depressed because you knew only ninety-nine of the hundred questions in your chemistry exam - treat yourself to a book that will send your spirits soaring in practically no time at all. The book is a treasury of humor called "With a Merry Heart", containing works of your favorite Catholic authors.

Professor Phelan, who edited and compiled this gem of a book, explains in his introduction, that humorists, because they know the important things of life, can afford to treat trivial things in a playful manner. While poets reach God through the medium of a rose, and religionists through the medium of a Redeemer, humorists often reach God by way of Mickey Mouse.

In the fiction and short story section, Doran Hurley writes of the Cardinal's visit to The Old Parish, and how old Aunt Bridget fed him boiled ham, cabbage, and bread pudding, instead of the fancy French dishes her niece, Bessie, had planned. He must have liked her meals, for when he was about to leave, he kissed her cheek and told her that she reminded him of his Mother.

In another section, Austin O'Malley wonders why the word for tongue is feminine in Greek, Latin, Gaelic, Italian, Spanish, French, and German... Here too, Westbrook Pegler wields his satiric wit in a selection from T'Ain't Right, and Oscar, the first comic soldier of World War II, writes to his Mom in Oscar Reports on K. P. and I. Q.. Douglas Woodruff not only treats the Psycho-Analysis of Cows, but also informs his readers

that the Chinese presentation of The Merry Widow is titled, "He dead — she glad".

The poetry in this book is too good to miss. If you are one who thinks poetry is beyond your grasp, be prepared to have a complete change of attitude when you dip into this section — there is enough over which to chuckle for days.

You can obtain With a Merry Heart at the Public Library, or, if you want the perfect present for a birthday or a sick call, you can buy a copy from a well-known Catholic book shop in the loop.

Joe Norris Leads In Bowling Classics

Detroit, Mich. — Joe Norris, internationally known top Lithuanian bowling star, is still "mowing 'em down" in his true sweeping form. At the halfway mark in Detroit's three ALL-Star leagues, there were seven men left in the select "200 average" bracket. Among the leaders was Joe Norris, leading the DETROIT TIMES Classic with 205; second in the Michigan Major classic with 205, and second in the Greater Detroit classic with 207.

O. A.

Heads Up!

By Donna Kaminskas

Have you heard a gym instructor shout "Heads Up"? That's a tip-off that the class is tiring, for the first sign of fatigue is a slouched posture, drooping shoulders and sagging chin.

Secretaries, mechanics, businessmen, students as well as the busy housewives tend to do the same thing. What is worse, as the years pass, many of us go into a headdown, shoulders-rounded position. Soon it takes more effort to maintain good posture than to stoop.

Good posture is a MUST today, for it makes for better appearance. Good-looking clothes are doubly attractive on a well-built, well-poised figure. If you cut a good

figure you will feel better and look better.

If you haven't given thought to posture in a long while, it would be wise to exercise for about 15 minutes each day. Stretching and bending exercises are good training for the muscles. A long walk out-of-doors with head up, chest out, adds a lift to the spirits and posture.

While sitting, standing and walking keep "posture conscious"!

(Sidelick from page 1)

I'll listen! BUT only to the first six lines."

"You've heard of "BIRUTES KALNAS" in Lithuania. Haven't you?"

"Now that you mention it! Yes, in school, but I don't remember because it never interested me."

"Well, listen as I read you this:

"Birutės Kalnas" less than a kilometer south of Palanga is known to every Lithuanian because it is associated with the most beloved feminine figure in Lithuanian history and legend, that of the Duchess Birutė."

"It's a hill of about 70 meters high, overgrown with pines. It is the only real hill for miles around and from the oldest times was held sacred. Here burned the sacred fire of oak wood, tended night and day by the "Vaidilutės" — Vestal Virgins — among whom, towards the middle of the XIV-th century was a beautiful novice called Birutė. On the very day that she was to be finally consecrated a "vaidilutė", Kestutis, son of the reigning Grand Duke of Lithuania met her, loved her and asked her to be his wife. Birutė refused but Kestutis was not to be balked."

"That's the sixth line! Want me to Stop?"

"No goodness, tell me what happened finally."

"That night before, rather, just as the High Priest prepared to throw the sacred white robe over Birutė's head thereby vowing her to eternal virginity. Kestutis appeared, threw the robe on the sacred fire and seizing Birutė, carried her off to be his wife. The horror stricken priests prophesied that the direst woe would result because of the sacrilege, that with their children would end the glory of Lithuania. The prophecy, unfortunately, was amply fulfilled:

their son Vytautas was Lithuania's last great ruler. After Kestutis' death, Birutė returned to Palanga to die and was buried on the hill which bears her name. She especially loved this hill, and tradition has it, that no matter how deep the snow, there is always a pathway to its top where today stands a Christian chapel."

"Say, mom never told me such interesting stories, about hills and so on! I'll bet there many interesting things to be learned about the land of my forefathers."

"Well, dear, you can't expect people who are in a nice quiet room which is warm and comfortable to realize what it is being lost in the sea during a storm. Can you? Same with the people of Lithuania! They suffered the results of starvation, cold and so much after wars that some left during the times of hardship and it is those things they have to endure that people think about and talk about later. It is only, natural that a person stresses hardships after living and enduring years of insecurity, wars and so on. Therefore, it is up to us to understand that and see that there is much beauty in life as well as ugliness!"

"Gee, Ann, I never thought of it that way! Say, why not read that book, starting from the beginning at our club meetings and then maybe we can join the group working for the, FREEDOM OF LITHUANIA, or whatever they're doing for Lithuania. We can find out! It will be interesting as well as fun."

"Right now, let me give one cheer for you, another for the good old UNITED STATES and for our great struggling ancestors, the LITHUANIANS."



(Kubaitis from page 2)

"These truths are self-evident..." Sadly, we gaze upon the smouldering, blood-soaked ruins of our mellow dreams about a free and independent Lithuania after the war was ended. But where do we go from here, after we have sobbed out our hearts at the wailing-wall of frustration and anguish for those whom we love so much in the land of our fathers, or scattered throughout the world?

For one thing, we must take realistic stock of the situation. The United States and British governments cannot and will not go to war again to free Lithuania and other enslaved countries. Statements and pronouncements from the White House or State Department of themselves are not going to accomplish that end, either. The cause of Lithuania's freedom is now in the hands of the American Lithuanian people, to lead, direct and carry on — no matter how long it takes.

The weapons are few, but important: constant and widespread publicity in every possible form; the rallying of national and world opinion to Lithuania's cause; unceasing knocking at the doors — and above all, at the hearts — of the nation's and the world's law-makers; increasing material and moral relief and assistance to those exiled from their native land, to enable them to exist and in their own way to take part in the fight for Lithuania; unceasing exposure of the hypocrisy and insidious character of Red

Fascism, no matter where it rears its ugly head; material and moral support of the groups which are leading the fight for Lithuania's freedom; and, above all, coordination of action and sincere cooperation and harmony between these groups.

We cannot emphasize too strongly how important and essential this last means is. It is a sad fact that we now have two separate groups in this country working independently toward the same goal — Lithuania's liberation. The American Lithuanian public has frequently read elaborate public statements from both groups as to why a common *modus vivendi* has not been found between them. The public is not interested in explanations, and it has every right to expect unity of action and harmony between the ALT and the Misija. It knows that leaders of both groups are high-minded men, sincere in their purpose and that each group has, in its own way, contributed enormously toward this common cause. There is no reason, there can be no legitimate reason why all American Lithuanian organizations which are sincerely and wholeheartedly working to free Lithuania from the yoke of Red Fascism should not work together.

The American Lithuanian public has given generous financial and moral support to both the ALT and the Misija. It has taken with a grain of salt the charges and counter-charges which have flown between the two groups. If a common ground of action, however, is not soon found, it will have every right to demand an accounting of those who are using the tragedy of Lithuania as a football to be kicked around in the interests of petty partisan politics.

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